

EPA REGION 5 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

OBJECTIVES: Grant funds are to be used to promote integrated solid waste management systems to solve municipal solid waste (MSW) generation and management problems at the local, regional, Tribal and national levels. The statutory authority for these grants is found in Section 8001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended (Public Law 94-580, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq).

REGION 5 PRIORITIES FOR 2003: EPA will focus on innovative projects that can be reproduced throughout the Region (note: Region 5 includes IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI) and address the following areas:

Measurement systems for solid waste generation, diversion, recycling, composting and economic impacts of recycling.

Reducing the generation and disposal of municipal, industrial or commercial waste through reuse, beneficial use, recycling market development or product stewardship initiatives.

Training on MSW landfill regulatory compliance or technology related issues (e.g., bioreactors, financial assurance mechanisms).

All proposals must include plans for measuring and reporting the quantitative and qualitative impacts of the project.

ALLOWABLE PROJECTS: Projects can include training, surveys, public education programs, studies, and demonstrations. Due to the limited amount of funding available in this program, projects may be directed to apply for funding through other programs.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Funds can be awarded to nonprofit organizations including State agencies, Tribes, local governments, universities and citizen groups. Profit-making organizations are not eligible.

LENGTH OF FUNDING ASSISTANCE AND FUNDING AMOUNTS: Though grant projects are normally funded for 1 year, project periods can be adjusted. In 2002, a total of \$110,000 was awarded among six recipients. Grants are generally issued for less than \$25,000.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Interested organizations must contact EPA to discuss project ideas prior to submitting a proposal. The 1-2 page proposal should include a brief summary, participants, measurement plans, and funding requested. Organizations whose proposals are selected will be contacted and provided the necessary forms to complete a formal application process. Proposals will be accepted from 11/02 through 2/03. Review and approval of the formal application takes 6 weeks from the date submitted, and grant awards are typically awarded beginning in April.

EPA Region 5 Contacts:

Susan Mooney	312/886-3585	mooney.susan@epa.gov
Paul Ruesch	312/886-7598	ruesch.paul@epa.gov
Lucy Stanfield	312/886-1121	stanfield.lucy@epa.gov
Jason Swift	312/886-0754	swift.jason@epa.gov
Dolly Tong	312/886-1019	tong.dolly@epa.gov
Donna Twickler	312/886-6184	twickler.donna@epa.gov